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Executive Director Appointed Members of the Scientific Advisory Council

Medical Marijuana Research Grant Program

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1. Tim Byers, MD, MPH (*Epidemiologist with expertise in large epidemiologic studies*)
Dr. Tim Byers is a Professor of Epidemiology and Associate Dean for Public Health Practice at the Colorado School of Public Health. He has substantial expertise in large epidemiologic study design and analysis as a principal investigator or co-investigator on numerous grant funded research projects, author/co-author of numerous journal articles, grant reviewer for the National Institutes of Health, and manuscript reviewer for several high profile medical and public health journals. Dr. Byers has 35 years experience reviewing grant applications.
2. Lalit Bajaj, MD, MPH (*Clinician with clinical trials expertise*)
Dr. Lalit Bajaj is Director of the Children's Clinical Research Organization at Children's Hospital Colorado; and Associate Professor of Pediatrics and Emergency Medicine, as well as Research Director, Section of Emergency Medicine, at the University of Colorado School of Medicine. Dr. Bajaj has substantial expertise in designing and conducting clinical trials. He also has 12 years experience reviewing NIH, HRSA and Canadian Institute for Research grants.
3. Alan Shackelford, MD (*Physician familiar with medical marijuana administration*)
Dr. Alan Shackelford has accumulated a considerable amount of clinical experience on the medical uses of cannabis since 2009, and has evaluated patients with a variety of different serious medical conditions for whom cannabis proved to be a viable treatment option. He has also advised several state and foreign governments on medical cannabis legislation and regulatory structures, and has served on several state and local governmental advisory boards in Colorado dealing with cannabis regulation. Dr. Shackelford has experience writing and reviewing research grant proposals for the German government, NIH and NIMH.
4. Kenyon Heard, MD (*Medical toxicologist*)
Dr. Kenyon Heard is a medical toxicologist at the University of Colorado Hospital Emergency Department. He is the Medical Toxicology Fellowship Director at the Rocky Mountain Poison and Drug Center, and Section Chief of Medical Toxicology at the University of Colorado School of Medicine, where he is also an Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine and Medicine. Dr. Heard has experience reviewing grants for the American Geriatric Society, the American College of Medical Toxicology and the University of Colorado.

5. Kristen Park, MD (*Neurologist*)
Dr. Kristen Park is a pediatric neurologist at the Children's Hospital Colorado where she specializes in caring for children with epilepsy, the majority of whom have intractable seizures. She is also an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Colorado School of Medicine.
6. Edward (Ted) Maynard, MD (*Pediatrician*)
Dr. Ted Maynard is a pediatrician in private practice with Iron Horse Pediatrics in Colorado Springs where he and his colleague have cared for a number of patients whose families have chosen to treat them with Charlotte's Web Hemp Oil. He also trained and worked as a neonatologist, and is on the clinical faculty at the University of Colorado School of Medicine.
7. Doris Gundersen, MD (*Psychiatrist with PTSD expertise*)
Dr. Doris Gundersen is a psychiatrist who serves as medical director of the Colorado Physician Health Program, as well as maintains a private practice in Denver. She also has a clinical faculty appointment at the University of Colorado School of Medicine. Dr. Gundersen has treated patients with PTSD through previous work at the VA Hospital and through her private practice.
8. Joseph Frank, MD, MPH (*Internal medicine physician*)
Dr. Joseph Frank is a general internist and health services researcher with the Division of General Internal Medicine at the University of Colorado School of Medicine and the Denver Veterans Affairs Medical Center. His research interests include promoting safe, effective use of opioid pain medications in primary care settings with a focus on the management of comorbid chronic pain and substance use disorders.
9. Ken Gershman, MD (*Public health professional*)
Dr. Ken Gershman is Manager of the Medical Marijuana Research Grant Program at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE). He has worked as a public health practitioner at CDPHE in the areas of communicable diseases and chronic disease prevention, including managing the Cancer, Cardiovascular Disease, and Chronic Pulmonary Disease (CCPD) Amendment 35 grant program. Dr. Gershman has nearly 20 years experience writing public health grants to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and has served as a reviewer of Amendment 35 grants.
10. Paula Riggs, MD (*Addiction medicine specialist*)
Dr. Paula Riggs is a Professor of Psychiatry at the CU School of Medicine and Director of the Division of Substance Dependence. She is nationally known for her clinical research in adolescents with co-occurring psychiatric and substance abuse disorders. Dr. Riggs has nearly 20 years experience reviewing NIH grants. Her experience includes serving as a standing member of an NIH/NIDA review group for 10 years (NIDA-E).
11. Stacy Livingwell, MD (*Alternative medicine specialist*)
Dr. Stacy Livingwell is a holistic family practitioner in Boulder who integrates holistic wellness with traditional medicine, by combining nutrition and movement therapies with mind-body medicine. She specializes in women's health, addiction treatment, chronic pain management, and obesity/weight management. She recommends medical marijuana for some patients.

12. Teri Robnett (*Patient representative*)

Ms. Teri Robnett is founder and Executive Director of Cannabis Patients Alliance, a recently (2013) formed grassroots membership organization dedicated to medical marijuana political action and public education. She helped open one of the first large medical marijuana dispensary in central Denver in 2009 and served as Communications Director. Teri holds a bachelor's degree in psychology from CU Boulder and is familiar with study methodology from her service as a patient advocate.

13. Ken Finn, MD (*Ad hoc member*)

Dr. Ken Finn is board certified in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Pain Medicine, and Pain Management, and is in private practice at Springs Rehabilitation in Colorado Springs. He was recently elected to the Board of Directors for the American Board of Pain Medicine, and served on the Governor's Task Force on Amendment 64 – Consumer Safety and Social Issues Work Group.